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City prepares for winter storm.

City of Duluth crews are on special alert as an anticipated winter storm approaches the Northland.

Crews will work on keeping main streets and thoroughfares open while the storm is in progress. After the storm subsides, appropriate snowplowing operations will commence. (Note to media: the City Communication office will advise the media if and when City crews must be removed from streets for any reason, including white-out conditions. The media's cooperation in relaying emergency information to the public is greatly appreciated.)

The City of Duluth asks all residents to avoid travel while the storm is in progress. The National Weather Service estimates that snowfall will begin around 8-9 PM in the Twin Ports and conditions are expected to deteriorate very rapidly. White-out conditions will prevent travel and will strand vehicles.

It is also possible that road closures, including the Aerial Bridge and access to Park Point, may be announced if conditions warrant. Citizens are asked to be aware of this potential and to take appropriate precautions. Vehicles abandoned in roadways will be ticketed and towed and all alternate-side and hour-restricted parking rules will be strictly enforced.

We ask citizens to follow a few snow recommendations:

Please remember it is illegal to remove snow from your property and place it in city streets and alleys.

Please help out your neighbors that are having difficulty removing this snow.

People who park on the street should be extra diligent to follow these ordinances; no closer than 7 feet to alleys or driveways, must park with 12 inches of the curb and parking or partially blocking driving lanes will result in a ticket and the car will be towed.

For additional snow related information please go to www.duluthmn.gov Winter Watch. We will keep the public updated on progress of the storm and plow operations. We will continue to do our best to keep our city streets clear of snow and safe for travel.